

## **MINUTES**

### **BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005 AT 6:00 P.M. IN ROOM 1B, MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 303 EAST KIRKWOOD AVE., BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**

#### **Roll Call**

Members present: Robert Bent, Susan Brackney, Keith Clay, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton, George Huntington, Cairril Mills, Darryl Neher, Dave Rollo, Catherine Stafford, John West, Toby Strout

Staff present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development  
Kären Sullivan, Intern, Office of the Mayor – BCOS  
Kate Mobley, Intern, Office of the Mayor – BCOS

#### **Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Dave Rollo. All members of the Commission were present. The minutes from the November meeting were unanimously approved. Keith Clay announced that Jared Diamond, author of Why Civilizations Collapse will be in Bloomington. Cairril Mills asked for clarification on whether she can mention her BCOS affiliation in public communications. Dave Rollo advised it is permissible to say she is a commissioner, but not speak on behalf of the commission without BCOS approval. Dave Rollo asked everyone to change his email address to [daverollo2003@yahoo.com](mailto:daverollo2003@yahoo.com).

#### **Public Comment**

During the public comment period, Paul Schneller announced that he would again be teaching the Sustainability Indicators class at SPEA during spring semester and that the class would come up with a new set of indicators for Bloomington. Amy Countryman mentioned that she would like to discuss the City composting project with the Commission.

#### **Reports from Task Groups**

The Commission adopted a mission statement which reads:

*The Bloomington Commission on Sustainability promotes economic development, environmental health and social equity in our community for present and future generations. The Commission gathers and disseminates information; promotes practical initiatives; and measures, monitors, and reports on our community's progress toward sustainability.*

The process and implementation group will continue to meet to develop BCOS organizational structure, relationships to other boards/commissions and development/fundraising for projects. The group will also form an education sub-

committee to discuss how to educate the Commission and the public, and interface with the public to engage them in active role with BCOS. Email Danise if you want to be involved with the education committee.

The indicators group presented on how the indicators should be established and about potential indicators. The group proposed hosting at least four focus groups in order to gauge the publics' input on the indicators. The four proposed focus groups are: business, government, community and environmental. Email Catherine or Darryl any suggestions for the focus groups.

### **New Business**

The 2006 officers were discussed. John Hamilton was nominated for chair and Catherine Stafford and Darryl Neher were nominated for vice chair. The Commission decided to discuss the nominations and leadership organization at the January meeting.

### **Staff Report**

Staff reported that the Commission members should explore greenmap.com to see if this is something that is of interest to members. Danise announced that Steve Backs, Adult Services Manager at the Library, and staff are available to help with research.

Additionally, Mr. Backs would appreciate any recommended reading materials that might be added to a Sustainability collection that may be created at the Library. Commissioners should join the Internet group set up to facilitate communication and file sharing among BCOS members – an invitation to the group was emailed to each Commissioner. Danise reported she met with members of the Green Sanctuary Task Force from the local Unitarian Universalist Church. The group is interested in working with the commission on local issues and activities related to global climate change.

### **Additional Business**

There is an intern budget available for 2006. John West, Catherine Stafford and Keith Clay volunteered to review resumes and interview candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm after a unanimous vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at the Monroe County Public Library in the auditorium.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kären Sullivan  
Office of the Mayor, Intern  
January 4, 2006